

# Complaints about roads are valid, says Race

Complaints from locals about Village Road in Orange are admittedly valid. But, Franklin Township Supervisor Russell Race, Sr. explained it will be a while before a proper resurfacing job is done on the three-quarter mile stretch.

Race said the township had budgeted approximately \$20,000 to resurface the road, but found their estimate was under by about 50 percent. A state engineer surveying the project informed township fathers the job would be more in the neigh-

borhood of \$40,000.

For this reason, the job has been put off pending a \$50,000 Capital Project Improvements Grant from the Office of Community Development. The grant is expected to be received sometime in 1983 or 1984. Race is hopeful they'll see the money in '83 as he said the road badly needs a complete re-doing.

In the meantime, he said, it has been patched twice during the Spring and will receive further repair work in the near future. "It's a lot better than it was," said Race. "And we'll be at it again when we

can get some hot patch."

The money which was originally set aside for resurfacing the road will probably be used to purchase a new truck for the township. Race said the present truck is a 1970 and in bad shape. "We need a new truck, so we're thinking of taking what we have and buying one."

The purchase is still in the talking stages at this time.

Race also noted that many of the complaints about Village Road come from people who do not live on it. "We have a few chronic complainers. I guess everybody does."



FIREMEN'S BAZAAR-Trucksville Volunteer firemen and the hundreds of people who attended the Trucksville

Fire Company's bazaar last weekend declared it a 'lot of fun' and a great success. (Mark Moran Photo)

## Kunkle applauds 'Good Samaritan'

With bad news making headlines day after day, it's refreshing to report the brighter side of life, and Kingston Township administrator, Mark Kunkle wants to publicize a mysterious Good Samaritan.

Kunkle and Township fathers are particularly grateful to an unknown person who took the responsibility of cleaning up the sidewalks on Carverton Road. The mystery person cut the crown vetch and

weeds which were growing over the sidewalk leading out toward the Checkerboard Inn. The area is now clean and safe to walk. "Someone really did the state and township a favor," said Kunkle.

The sidewalks are the responsibility of the state but it is rare that work crews ever get around to cleaning them.

Kunkle also pointed out the fact that Harold Snowdon, Jr. has been regularly maintaining the State

right-of-way on the corner of East Center St., and Route 309. Snowdon's maintenance crews keep the grass and weeds cut in the stretch so that it always looks presentable.

Both efforts show a special kind of pride in community and Kunkle said the township believes public acknowledgement of the work is in order. "We want them to know we appreciate it," he said.

## Lake-Noxen provides central space

The Lake-Noxen Elementary School, built in the midst of furor and controversy, has been open for just over a year. While still in the planning stages, school district fathers envisioned the building as a community focal point, as well as a center of learning. Opponents cried the finished product would be too large to serve the district's needs, and perhaps, if used only for classroom study, the complaint was valid.

But the Lake-Noxen School serves more than just K through six. The building houses students for learning from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., but remains open daily, until well after dark for a variety of community oriented activities.

Principal Robert Kunkle is the man to contact for use of the building's facilities. Within one year a number of local civic organizations have begun holding their monthly meetings at the school. The Harveys Lake Historical Society, the Harveys Lake Woman's Service Club and the Bassmasters, as well as Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy

Scouts use the building on a regular basis.

Throughout the winter months the Lake-Noxen Adult Basketball League played twice weekly and the PTA sponsored children's League was active. Women from the community continue to meet regularly for Aerobic dancing, a very popular feature, started soon after the school's opening. A weekly community night opens the gym to anyone who wishes to get some additional exercise playing basketball or volleyball. During baseball season, Harveys Lake Little League ballers use the school's field for practice and children can be seen romping in the playground any evening or weekend.

Kunkle estimates it to be "probably the most used elementary building in the area."

And this makes school director Arnie Garinger very happy. "I've lived across the street from the school for 48 1/2 years," he said. "The old building was opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 3 p.m. when the kids left. This building is always in use. It's a real community center."

"Many towns have a lot of the town centrally located," explained Garinger. "Even Dallas has a town structure. But we in the Lake and Noxen communities have no central space. That's something which the school provides."

The Lake-Noxen Elementary opened officially in January, 1981. Construction started in September of 1979, just months after a fire totally destroyed the old Lake School. The building cost \$3.4 million, although \$1 million came from an insurance payment from the old school.

"My interest has been that the people from this side of the district get something for their money," said Garinger. Since the Lake-Lehman jointure, the Lake-Noxen people have been paying for new schools and renovations all over the District. The modern brick building on the top of School Street at Harveys Lake has been well worth the wait, and people from all walks of the community are able to take direct advantage of the facility.

## Harvey remands Parsons to jail

District Justice Leonard Harvey sent Edward G. Parsons of Nanticoke to Luzerne County Prison for a total

of 630 days last week. Parsons had been given one week to pay fines associated with seven counts of bad checks. He

will reappear before Harvey on further charges of a similar nature on Friday, July 2. The charges stem from a late December, 1981 incident when Parsons purchased furs for Joseph Glova, owner of N.E. Fur and Hide Co., Harveys Lake.

manlaughter and recklessly endangering last Friday after a lengthy hearing before District Justice Earl Gregory. The charge of aggravated assault was dropped.

The charges are the result of an investigation following the death of Kopetchney's wife, Marsha, 28, of Meadowcrest. She died on May 21, three weeks after an incident during which witnesses testified he beat her. Five witnesses were present at the hearing, including Luzerne County Coroner Dr. George E. Hudock, Jr.; two neighbors, Tammy Letteer and Karen Kukosky; Kingston Township Police Sergeant William Pugh and State Trooper Dale Culver.

## Area couple in intensive care

An area couple remains in serious condition in the Nesbitt Hospital with injuries suffered when the motorcycle they were riding crashed with a TransAm early Sunday morning. James and Linda Whitehead were transported to the hospital by the Dallas Ambulance. At press time they were both patients in the Intensive Care Unit. Reports of persons at the scene indicate the collision was head-on at the intersection of Route 415 and 118. Dallas Township Police, who investigated the mishap,

had not yet prepared an official report. The incident occurred at about 1 a.m., Sunday, June 27. One person thought the motorcycle had come onto 415 from Country Club Road. No identification was made of the occupants of the TransAm, and no one from that vehicle was taken for treatment by the ambulance. The automobile was towed to Wesley's in Dallas. James and Linda are the son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Whitehead, Hickory Road, Dallas.

Also on Friday, June 25, Harvey fined a Jackson Township teenager for violation of the State liquor laws. The youth was brought before Harvey by Patrolman Andrew Kasko after a May arrest.

## Auction prizes

Joseph Killeen, Chairman, announced the following prizes for this year's Back Mountain Library auction. First Prize - Model 4200 Video Tape Recorder, on display at United Penn Bank; second prize - \$150.00 Gift Certificate from the Jean King; and third prize - Dinner for four at The Musicbox Dinner Theatre for 1982 season. Tickets are available at the auction grounds and from committee members.

## Rev. John Foley assumes duties

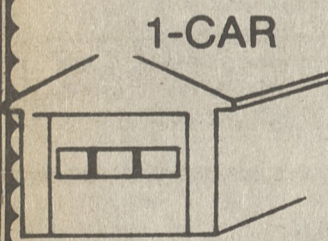
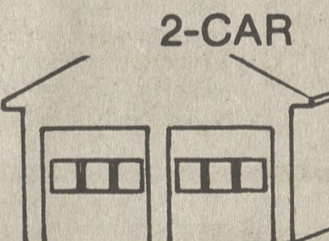
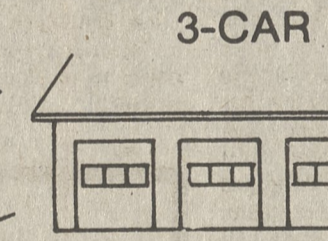
Rev. Father John P. Foley assumed duties as pastor of St. Francis X. Cabrini R. C. Church in Carverton and its sister parish, Blessed Sacrament R. C. Church at Centermoreland last week. He succeeds Rev. Father Hugh McGroarty, who had served as pastor for more than two years and has been assigned as pastor of St. Patrick's R. C. Church at White Haven where he began pastoral duties on June 22.

Bonaventure University at Olean, N. Y., and at St. Pius X Seminary at Dalton. He was ordained into the Roman Catholic priesthood in May 1968. His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, bishop of the Scranton Diocese. He served as assistant pastor of St. Ignatius R. C. Church at Scranton; St. Mary of the Mount at Mount Pocono, and before his assignment by Bishop McCormick to the two area churches, served for eight years as assistant pastor at St. Aloysius R. C. Church in South Wilkes-Barre. While at St. Aloysius, he also was a member of the faculty at Bishop Hoban High School in Wilkes-Barre.

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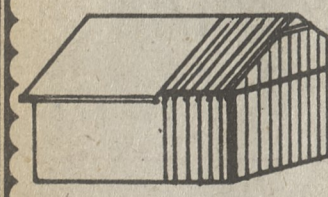
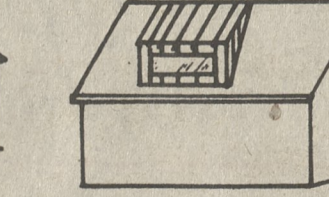
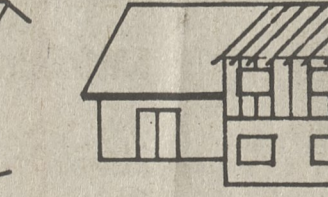
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